



The Paraclete

“I believe in the Holy Spirit”

Too often Christians neglect the Holy Spirit

“When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.”

John 16:13-14

The Holy Spirit is
the third Person of the Divinity

- The Bible teaches that there is only one God
Deut 6:4; Isa 45:5-6 & 1 Tim 2:5
- He has always existed in three persons
- The third person is called the Spirit of the LORD (26 times)
- He is called the Spirit of God (24 times)
- The Holy Spirit is one with the Father and the Son
“Baptizing them in **the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**” Matt 28:19

The Holy Spirit is
the third Person of the Divinity

- Lying to the Holy Spirit = lying to God

Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit . . . You have not lied just to human beings but to God.” Acts 5:3-4

- The Holy Spirit speaks

- Paul had made this final statement: “The **Holy Spirit spoke** the truth to your ancestors.” Acts 28:25

- You can make the Holy Spirit sad

- Do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God. Eph 4:30

The third Person of the Trinity is called:

- The Holy Spirit (100)
- The Spirit of the LORD (26); of God (24)
- The Spirit of truth (4)
- The *Paraclete* (4)
- The Spirit of wisdom (3)
- The Spirit of Jesus (2); of Christ (2)
- The Spirit of holiness; faith; grace; & prophecy

The Holy Spirit was sent to us by the Father and the Son

- The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the **Father will send** in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26
- When the Counsellor comes, whom **I will send** to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth John 15:26
- Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, **I will send him to you.** John 16:7

We believe:

There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties. LC #9

The Scriptures show that the Son and the Holy Spirit are God equal with the Father, by ascribing to them such names, attributes, works, and worship, as are proper to God only. LC #11

When was the last time you
worshipped the Holy Spirit?

When was the last time you relied
on the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is our Paraclete—
Comforter/Counsellor/Helper/Advocate

Jesus said: “I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another comforter/counsellor/helper/advocate to help you** and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.” John 14:16f

As our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

- Regenerates
 - God saved us through the washing of **rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Tit 3:5-6
 - Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are **born of water and the Spirit.**” John 3:5

As our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

- Gives believers assurance of salvation
 - The Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.** Rom 8:15-16
 - This is how we know that he lives in us: **We know it by the Spirit he gave us.** 1 John 3:24

As our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

- Guarantees believers eternal life
 - When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is **a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. Eph 1:13-14
 - Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were **sealed for the day of redemption.** Eph 4:30

As our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

- Indwells all Christians
 - You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed **the Spirit of God lives in you**. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. Rom 8:9
 - If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead **is living in you**, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of **his Spirit who lives in you**. Rom 8:11

As our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

- Sanctifies all Christians
 - God gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, **sanctified by the Holy Spirit.** Rom 15:16
 - God's elect have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through the sanctifying work of the Spirit,** to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood. 1 Pet 1:2

As our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

- Sanctifies all Christians
 - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Gal 5:22-23
 - In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. Rom 8:26-27

As our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

- Fills Christians at times
 - Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!” Acts 4:8
 - After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31

As our Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

- Sets some Christians apart for God's special service
 - Now Joshua son of Nun was **filled with the Spirit** of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him.
Deut 34:9
 - The Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which **I have called them.**"
Acts 13:2

Are you aware of all these
wonderful ministries?

Have you thanked the Holy Spirit
recently?

We should relate properly to the Holy Spirit.

We must not:

- “You have not lied just to human beings but to God. . .” Peter said to Sapphira, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.” Acts 5:4, 9
- “Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”
Mark 3:29

We should relate properly to the Holy Spirit.

We must not:

- “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always **resist the Holy Spirit!**” Acts 7:51
- **Do not quench the Spirit.** 1 Thess 5:19
- **Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.** Eph 4:30

We should relate properly to the Holy Spirit.
We must:

- **Cooperate** with the Spirit in His work in us. (1 Thess 5:19)
- Make the Holy Spirit of God **glad**. (Eph 4:30)
- Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? . . . **Therefore honour God with your body.**
1 Cor 6:19-20

We should relate properly to the Holy Spirit.

We must:

- Since we live by the Spirit, let us **keep in step with the Spirit.** Gal 5:25
- Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit,** speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Eph 5:20

What is your relationship with the
Holy Spirit?

When was the last time you were
filled with Him?